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<b>(54) Title:</b> APPARATUS FOR THE STERILE TRANSFER OF FLUIDS <b>(57) Abstract</b> <p>A method, and apparatus for transferring a fluid to a sterile field includes the use of a sterile enclosure (58, 68) housing a syringe (40). The enclosure (58, 68) is made in two parts, and allows the syringe (40) to be operated while it is in the enclosure. When it is desired to pass the fluids to the sterile field, the enclosure is separated into at least two parts to allow the syringe to be removed. This removal of the syringe is done such that the user in the non-sterile field does not touch the syringe. Thus, the syringe, and fluid therein are easily transferred to the sterile field.</p> <div data-bbox="1136 1144 1396 1942"> </div>		